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SUBJECT: UNESCO 99TH EXBD: AGGENDA ITEM 9.3 - 9.5:

NEW DRAFT RESOLUTION RE COMPLAINTS AGAINST
CHILEAN VIOLATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS

REF: (A) PARIS 12917, (B) PARIS 12750

1. REPORTED BELOW IS NEW DRAFT RESOLUTION TEXT DRAWN
FROM TWO TEXTS OF LATIN AMERICAN AND NORWEGIAN -
BULGARIAN- UPPER VOLTAN DR'S REPORTED IN REFTELS BY
BOARD CHAIRMAN WYNTER (JAMAICA). NEW DR LIKELY TO BE
DISCUSSED AND VOTED UPON MAY 5.

2. PERMDEL WOULD RECOMMEND "ABSTENTION" VOTE BY US
BECAUSE FINAL OPERATIVE PARA PROPOSES FURTHER CONSIDER-
ATION OF COMPLAINTS AGAINST CHILE AT 100TH BOARD
SESSION AND AT UNESCO 19TH GENERAL CONFERENCE THIS
FALL, ALTHOUGH NORWEGIAN BOARD MEMBER FEELS SOVIETS--
EE MAY ACCEPT DELETION OF PROVISION FOR 19TH GC TREAT-
MENT. PERMDEL CONSIDERS EXPLICIT PROVISION FOR 100TH
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EXBD SESSION CONSIDERATION UNNECESSARY AS NEW COMPLAINTS
WOULD BE AUTOMATICALLY DEALT WITH BY BOARD'S COMMITTEE
ON CONVENTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS IN EDUCATION. MORE
GENERALLY WE FIND THAT NEW TEXT STILL HAS WEAKNESS--

BUT UNDOUBTEDLY AN "ADVANTAGE" FROM SOVIET-EE-CUBAN VIEWPOINT--OF EXAGGERATED FOCUS ON CHILE TO NEAR EXCLUSION OF CONSIDERING HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN ALL UNESCO MEMBER STATES.

3. PERMDEL WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING POSITIONS TAKEN AND/OR VOTES CAST BY US ON UN MEASURES REFERRED TO IN PREAMBULAR PARA 2 OF NEW TEXT.

4. PERMDEL WOULD PROPOSE TO MAKE FOLLOWING POINTS IN EXPLANATION OF US VOTE: (A) ABSTENTION IN NO WAY REFLECTS PROFOUND IMPORTANCE ACCORDED IN PRINCIPLE AND IN PRACTICE BY PEOPLE, GOVERNMENT AND CONSTITUTION OF US; (B) INDEED, IN SPECIFIC INSTANCE OF CHILE USG HAS EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT HUMAN RIGHTS BE SCRUPULOUSLY RESPECTED; BUT (C) WE CONCERNED WITH DUE PROCESS AND NOTE THAT NEITHER BOARD NOR ITS COMMITTEE ON CONVENTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS IN EDUCATION--AS NOTED BY BRAZILIAN CHAIRMAN IN PRESENTING COMMITTEE'S REPORT--IS NOT EQUIPPED TO ACT AS A COURT OF INQUIRY AND CAN ONLY CONSIDER COMPLAINTS RECEIVED AND REPLIES THERE TO OF GOVERNMENTS CONCERNED; (D) WE WOULD HAVE HOPED FOR A MORE UNIVERSAL EXPRESSION OF CONCERN IN DR TEXT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS RATHER THAN SUCH NARROW FOCUS ON ONE MEMBER STATE; (E) EMPHASIS ON CHILE RAISES SUGGESTION THAT BOARD BY EXTENSION UNESCO SUFFERS FROM MORAL MYOPIA; (F) PARTICULARLY IN VIEW OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS RECORDS OF SOME OF THE MOST VOCAL CRITICS IN THIS BOARD OF GOC, ALTHOUGH IT CLEAR THAT LARGE MAJORITY OF BOARD MEMBERS MOTIVATED BY HONEST CONCERN FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND (G) WE LOOK FORWARD TO BALANCED AND OBJECTIVE EXAMINATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS COMPLAINTS REGARDLESS OF MEMBER STATE CONCERNED AND ESPECIALLY REGARDLESS OF WHATEVER POLITICAL OR IDEOLOGICAL PRETEXT MAY BE CITED FOR SUCH INFRINGEMENTS UPON AND DENIAL OF HUMAN DIGNITY.

5. COMMENT: COMPLAINTS BY PARIS-BASED HUMAN RIGHTS
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ORGANIZATION RE SOVIET MISTREATMENT OF FIVE DISSIDENT INTELLECTUALS WERE APPARENTLY RECEIVED TOO LATE FOR TREATMENT BY THIS COMMITTEE SESSION. SOVIETS ACCORDINGLY SEEKING TO NARROW HUMAN RIGHTS FOCUS OF BOARD TO CHILE.

CHILEANS FIND TEXT UNACCEPTABLE AND WILL VOTE AGAINST. OUR BEST ASSESSMENT IS THAT PRC, JAPAN AND POSSIBLY FRG, AS WELL AS ONE OR TWO AMONG LAS AND AFRICANS WILL ABSTAIN, BUT THAT BULK OF OTHER WEO'S (ITALY, BELGIUM, FRANCE, UK, AUSTRALIA) WILL SUPPORT TEXT BELOW ALONG WITH SOVIETS-EE'S. TEXT BE ADOPTED BY LARGE MAJORITY.

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